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### Summary:

Title: Charles Edward Viers Collection

Span Dates: 1889-2004

Creator: Various

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Accession Number: 2006/11.0752

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Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1.5 foot

Donor: Charles Viers, Jr.

### Search terms:

Photographs

World War II

Educators and teachers

Veterans

Oil and gas leasing

### Biographical Notes:

Charles Edward Viers (October 21, 1910-April 10, 2002) was born in Wayne County, West Virginia, and lived in Pritchard and Huntington, West Virginia for much of his life. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts from the Teacher College in 1940 and his Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Marshall College in 1951. He lived in Pritchard, West Virginia. As part of his teaching career, he taught in one-room schoolhouses in Wayne County, West Virginia. He enlisted in the Army in 1940 and served as an Infantryman in the European theatre until his honorable discharge due to the nature of his wounds in 1945. He was married to Gertrude Ival (Rayburn) Viers (February 20, 1913-June 8, 1974) and after her death remarried Julia Plymale. Viers was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal in 1996 for his conduct during the war and during the action which caused his injuries.

### Scope and Content:

This collection consists of personal papers and materials related to Mr. Charles Edward Viers. The collection is divided into three series: Series 1: Papers, Series 2: Photographs, and Series 3: Items. Series 1 primarily covers legal documents relating to deeds and oil and gas contracts (found in the lockbox in Series 3), clippings related to Viers receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal in 1996, teaching

documents such as contracts and two report cards, Viers' Marshall transcripts, Viers' military papers and a small amount of correspondence from 1945 and 1995-1996, and Civil War discharge papers and an arrest of Henry S. Viers, an ancestor, in 1889. Also included in this series is a family history entitled "The Mace Family in America". Series 2 includes photographs of the Viers family, photographs taken of or by Viers in World War II, as well as an extensive number of individual photographs given to Viers by previous students. Series 3 includes items donated with the collection, such as a lockbox, a wallet belonging to Viers' father, and materials related to Viers' service in WWII and subsequent awarding of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal in 1996.

**Processing Notes:**

This collection was already processed at the time the finding aid was created. No changes to folder titles, order, or content were made.

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**Container****Contents**

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**Box 1****Series 1: Papers**

Folder 1	Henry S. Viers Civil War Discharge Papers, 1864 (COPY)
Folder 2	Arrest of Henry S. Viers, 1889
Folder 3	Correspondence, 1945 and 1995-1996
Folder 4	Charles E. Viers Marshall Transcripts
Folder 5	Charles E. Viers Military Papers
Folder 6	Mary Lou Viers 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Report Card, 1933-1934
Folder 7	Charles Viers Teaching Documents
Folder 8	Ticket stubs and postcards
Folder 9	Clippings, 1996
Folder 10	Award ceremony script
Folder 11	Certificates, Charles E. Viers
Folder 12	Legal papers, mostly deeds
Folder 13	Oil and gas papers
Folder 14	Other legal papers

**Box 2**

Folder 15	"Mace Family in America"
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**Series 2: Photographs**

Folder 16	WWII Photos
Folder 17	Viers Family Photos

Folder 18	Other Family Photos
Folder 19	Student and Teacher Photos (1 of 3)
Folder 20	Student and Teacher Photos (2 of 3)
Folder 21	Student and Teacher Photos (3 of 3)
Folder 22	Photos of Award Ceremony, 1996

### **Box 1**

Folder 23	Oversize Photo of Home and Barn (C. E. Viers Homes)
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### **Series 3: Items**

Black Lockbox

Framed Honorable Discharge for Charles E. Viers, 1945

Charles E. Viers, Purple Heart certificate, 1996 for wounds received 1944

Charles E. Viers, Bronze Star Medal certificate, for action during 1944-1945

VHS Tape, Ed Viers Awards from the Army, 51 years later Ceremony 2/22/1996

Oliver Viers Wallet, brown leather